

Jersey City: Year In Review



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Economic Development and Job Creation

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Port Authority Policies

Most crime categories are declining by double digit percentages in the first half of 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 and 2012



■ Double digit percent decrease
 ■ Less than 10% decrease
 ■ Increase

Jersey City COMPSTAT UCR Crime Statistics¹, (January 1 to June 28 2012-2014)

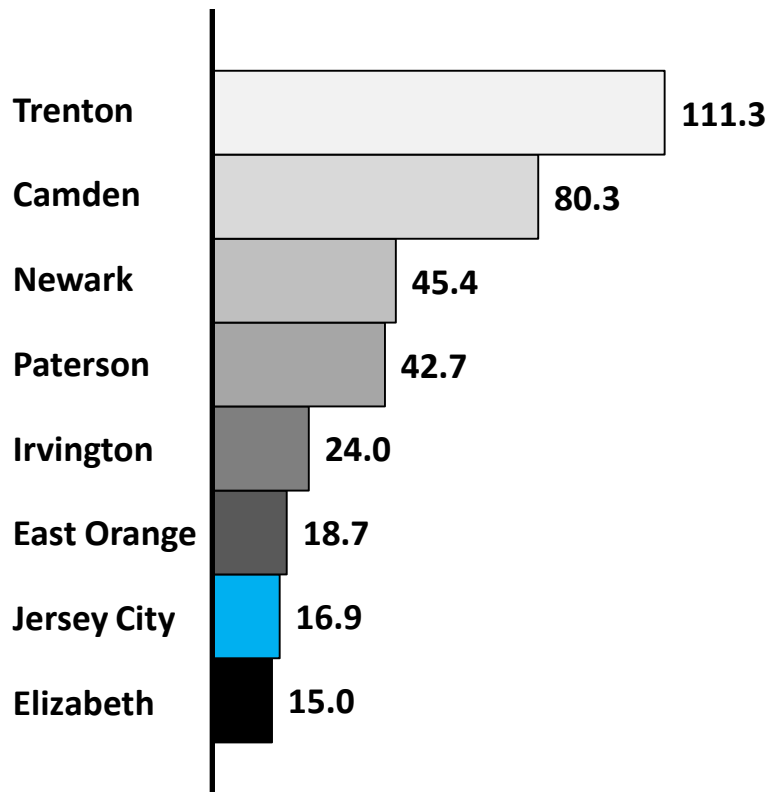
Offense Type	2012 YTD	2013 YTD	2014 YTD	Numerical change '12-'14	Percent change '12-'14	Numerical change '13-'14	Percent change '13-'14
Shootings (includes fatal)	43	43	36	-7	-16%	-7	-16%
Assault	738	669	590	-148	-20%	-79	-12%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	286	262	188	-98	-34%	-74	-28%
Auto Theft	256	281	214	-42	-16%	-67	-24%
Burglary	692	597	509	-183	-26%	-88	-15%
<i>Residential</i>	580	482	388	-192	-33%	-94	-20%
<i>Commercial</i>	112	115	121	9	8%	6	5%
Criminal Mischief	574	553	475	-99	-17%	-78	-14%
Homicide (all types)	8	4	12	4	50%	8	200%
Larceny	1327	1276	1141	-186	-14%	-135	-11%
<i>Theft from Auto</i>	727	758	713	-14	-2%	-45	-6%
Sexual Assault	27	22	17	-10	-37%	-5	-23%
Robbery Total	395	322	261	-134	-34%	-61	-19%
<i>Robbery with weapon</i>	158	113	94	-64	-41%	-19	-17%
Prostitution	2	4	3	1	50%	-1	-25%
Drug	1125	1112	1251	126	11%	139	13%
Shoplifting	356	224	177	-179	-50%	-47	-21%

1: Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics standardized and published by the FBI; June 28 is latest date of available aggregated Jersey City crime statistics data ; Source: Jersey City Police Department Crime Statistics

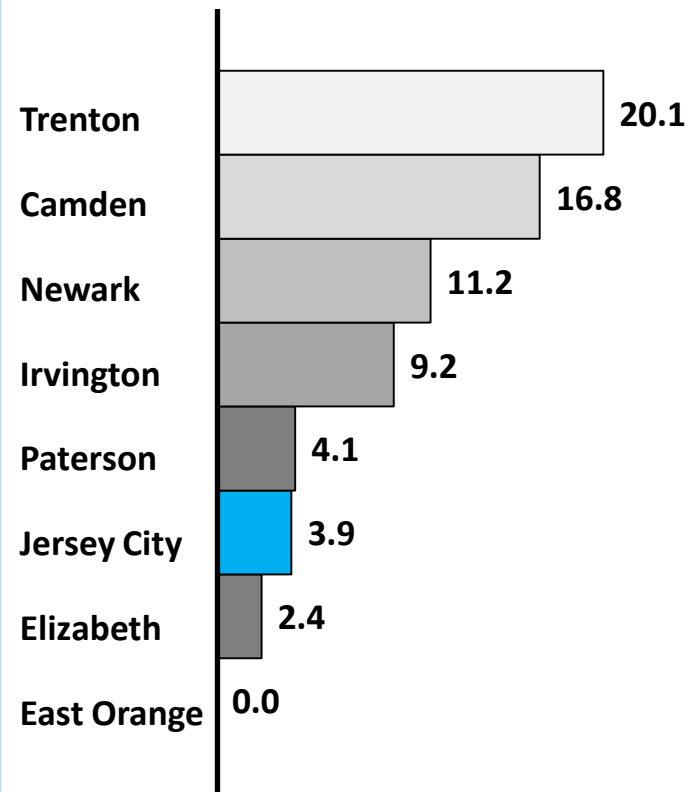
Jersey City has a lower shooting and murder rate than most other large urban NJ cities



Shooting incidents per 100,000 residents¹
largest NJ urban areas, (January 1 to July 14 2014)



Murder incidents per 100,000 residents¹
largest NJ urban areas, (January 1 to July 14 2014)



1: A single incident may have multiple fatal or non-fatal shooting victims; includes 8 largest urban areas in New Jersey; population based on 2012 census population estimates (Newark: 277,727; Jersey City: 254,441; Paterson: 145,219; Elizabeth: 126,458; Trenton: 84,477; Camden: 77,250) ; SOURCE: New Jersey State Police Regional Operations Intelligence Center

The Jersey City Police Department is proactively and aggressively addressing violent crime



Proactive steps to address violent crime

79 new officers hired since July 2013 with more hiring planned

Cease-Fire Unit created to investigate all non-fatal shootings (43% of cases closed)

Walking and bike patrols (increasing visibility)

Intelligence led policing, including a reallocation of officers based on crime data

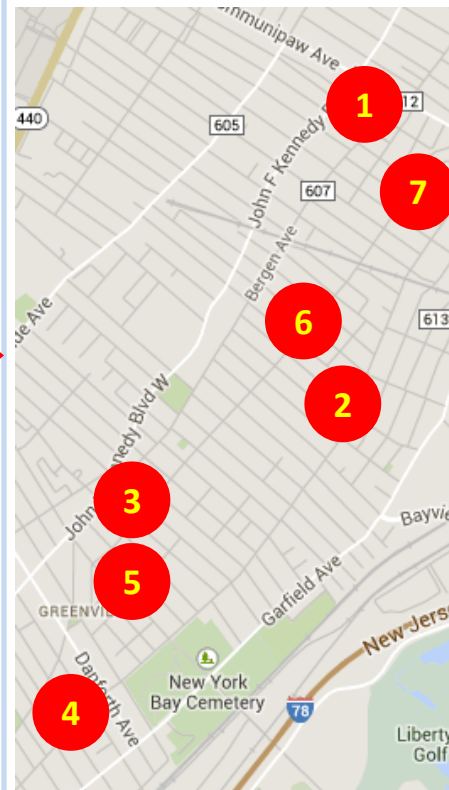
Leveraging partnerships with HCPO and State Police Intelligence Unit

Establishment of community liaisons to address crime at the street and block level

Shift from street sweeps to targeted surveillance based on gathered intelligence

Permanent police presence (manpower and equipment) at consistently violent locations

Targeted surveillance and police presence locations



1: Bergen and Lexington

2: Ocean and Bostwick

3: Stevens and M.L.K.

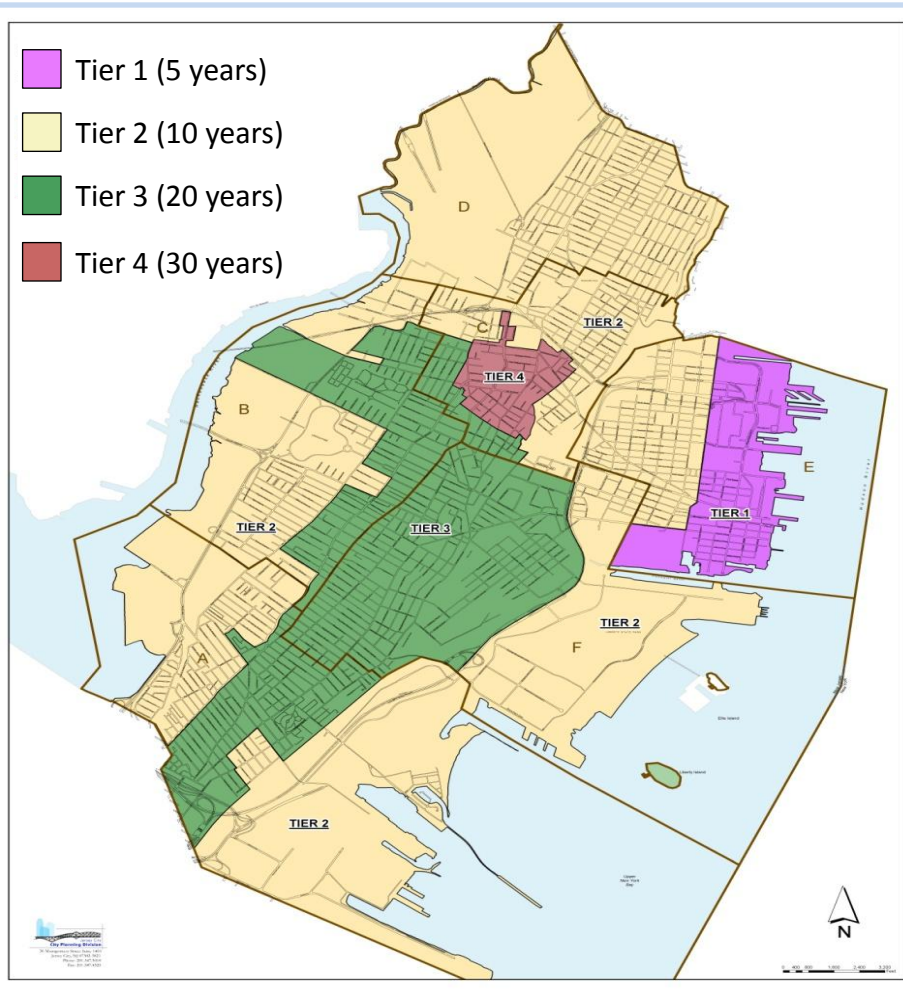
4: Ocean and Lembeck

5: Rutgers and Chapel

6: Grant and M.L.K.

7: Salem Lafayette Court

Jersey City's new Tax Abatement Policy is creating incentives for development beyond the downtown waterfront communities



Tax Abatement Policy Overview

- Encourages redevelopment in neighborhoods where it is most needed

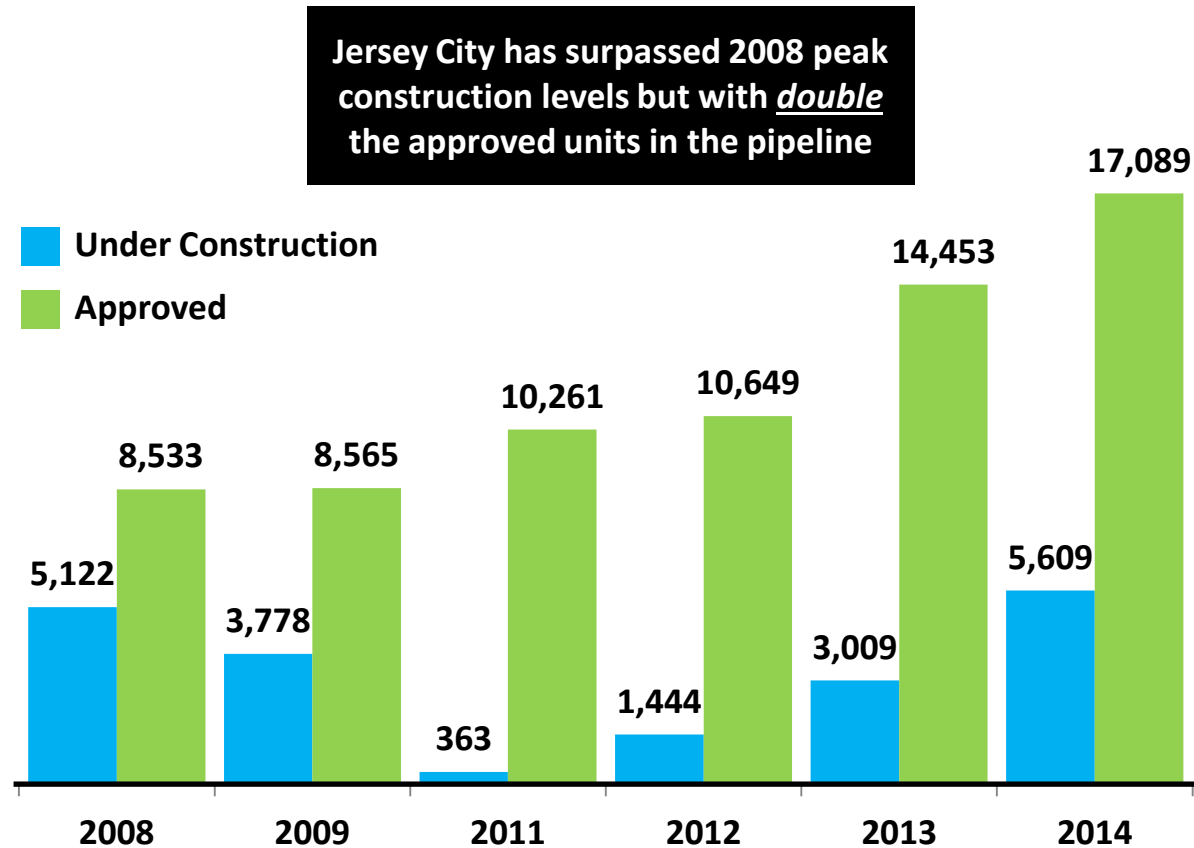
- Improves transparency and standardization of the tax abatement process

- Nearly 50% of approved abatements since July 2013 are neighborhoods outside downtown

Jersey City is experiencing the highest recorded level of residential construction with 5,609 units under construction and 17,089 approved¹



2008-2014 Jersey City residential unit construction levels¹



Key residential projects

- First significant **Journal Square** construction in decades (1,800+ units under construction)
- First **70 affordable housing units approved** through the JC Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Other significant projects

- **Powerhouse and Loew's Theatre** revitalization
- **4 new approved Hotels** downtown (over 900 rooms)
- **City Hall Municipal Annex** at the HUB

1: Residential units within rental or owned residential construction projects with 10 or more units in Journal Square and Downtown only; 2010 data not available; 2008 as of April; 2009 as of January; 2011 and 2012 as of March; 2013 as of May; 2014 as of January



Jersey City is strengthening and expanding our local workforce

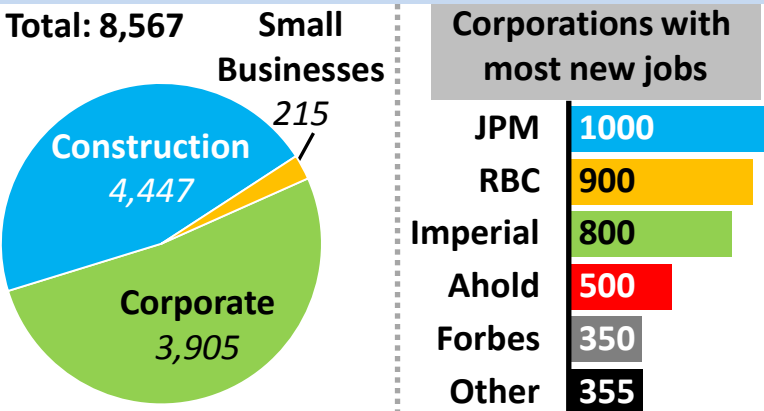
Prisoner Re-Entry Program and JCETP

- Re-Entry Program provides addiction treatment, housing and employment services
- JCETP programs include offerings for youth, seniors, veterans and welfare recipients
- Nancy Pelosi will attend opening of new JCETP facility at the HUB

Earned Sick Leave Ordinance

- Private sector workers now have ability to earn up to 5 days of sick leave each year
- Can be used to care for personal or family health needs
- Reduces lost wages and improves productivity

New jobs added since July 2013¹



Other initiatives

- JC Summer Internship Program will help over 700 youth obtain public and private sector jobs
- “Stop the Drop” youth litter cleanup and awareness program
- Minimum number of resident, minority, and women employees required for tax abatements²

1: Includes part-time and full-time jobs only (does not include seasonal or summer jobs); 2: Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and/or Employee Labor Agreement (ELA)

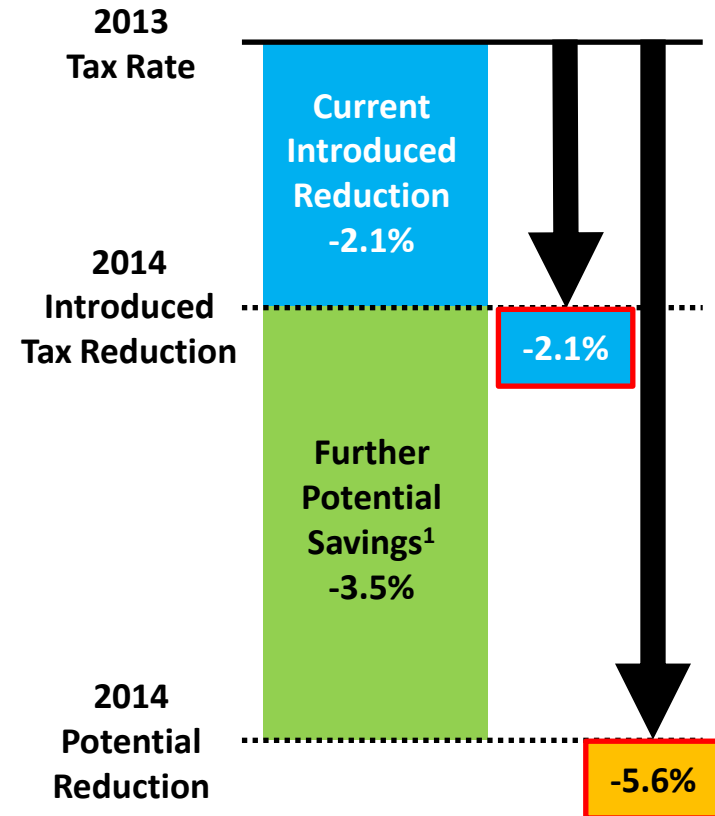
Jersey City's fiscal stability and strength is demonstrated by a 2.1% tax decrease that could grow to 5.6% and also the timely payments of all employee pension obligations



Primary revenue increases and cost savings levers

- \$118 million in new property tax ratables
- Tax abatement audits uncovered \$13 million in additional PILOT revenue (to date)
- Dissolving Parking Authority and consolidated Police and Fire Depts. to reduce overhead costs
- Negotiating a new EMS service provider contract to save more than \$4 million annually
- Sale of taxi medallions earned \$4.9 million
- Firefighter overtime restructuring will save \$1 million annually

2014 introduced budget tax decrease

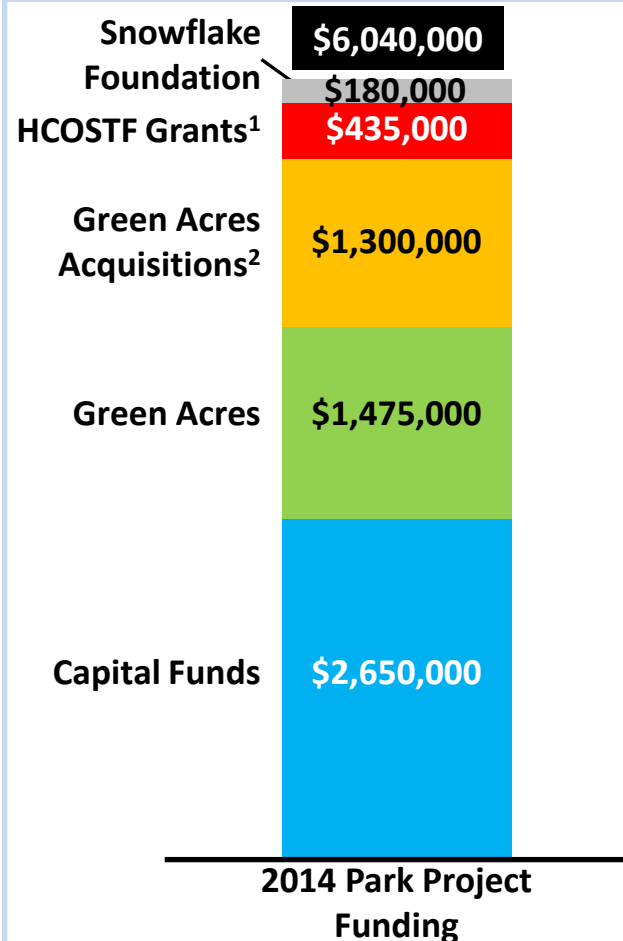


1: The Jersey City Municipal Council has the ability to approve additional suggested budget reduction measures that will further decrease municipal tax rates

Jersey City is tripling the number of park projects this year, with over \$6 million invested in renovating 14 parks across all wards



Funding sources for Jersey City park renovations



Parks scheduled for renovations (*ward*)

Columbia (A)	Vernator Watson (A)
Boyd-McGuinness (B)	Pavonia Marion (C)
Janet Moore (C)	Reservoir #3 (C)
Pershing Field (C)	Riverview-Fiske (D)
Leonard Gordon (D)	First Street (E)
Mary Benson (E)	Van Vorst (E)
Berry Lane Park (F)	Angel Ramos (E)

- **17.5 acre park on former brownfield site**
- **Will be largest municipal park (opens 2015)**
- **Features** will include a soccer field, a baseball field, tennis courts, basketball courts, a splash pad, and 600 new trees

1: Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund Grants; 2: Green Acres funding to be used specifically for the final Berry Lane Park property acquisitions

Funding for recreational activities is the largest since 2009 and the largest percent increase in funding since 1999



2010-2014 annual recreation budget analysis



Programs offered

Basketball ¹	Senior Fitness ²	New for 2013 ³
Boxing	Yoga	Golf
Swimming	Ice Skating	Dance Fitness
Soccer	Cricket	Special Olympics
Track	Boot Camp	Aquatics
Football ⁴	Scuba	Ski Club
Tennis ⁵	Adult Art	Volleyball

Programming improvements

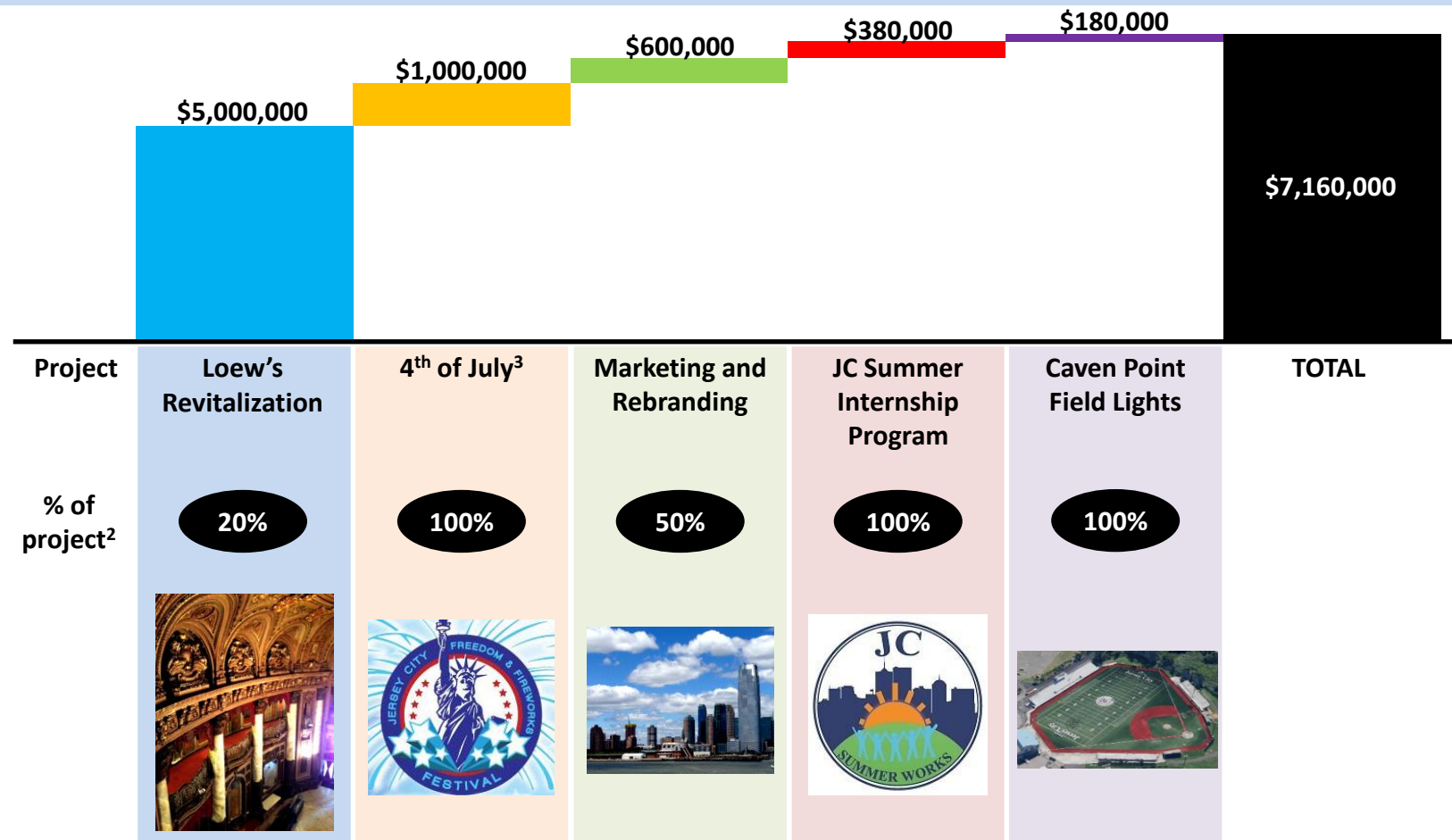
- Jersey City is now a “Let’s Move” City with actionable goals for reducing and reversing childhood obesity rates
- Programs have expanded to include youth aged 16-20
- New “Summer Fun” free summer recreation program for children ages 8-13
- Additional programs being considered include Lacrosse, Gymnastics, Fencing, Curling, and Roller Skating

1: Includes all basketball clinics and the Beat the Street Program; 2: Includes indoor fitness, power walking, and power fitness; 3: Not offered in recent history; 4: Includes flag and tackle; 5: Indoor and outdoor programs (outdoor is not new)

Private sector investments are providing financial support for a variety of activities and projects



Year 1 private sector donations by activity/project¹



1: Includes donations from private sector companies and other non-governmental organizations; grants not included; 2: Subject to change; 3: Estimated (likely much higher)

Jersey City filed a \$400 million lawsuit against PANYNJ for “undue economic harm” caused by unpaid taxes and unjust PILOT agreements



PANYNJ lawsuit overview

- Instead of traditional taxation, **PANYNJ property is subject to Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs)** on all properties¹
- Current PANYNJ PILOT rates are set at the **last taxes paid on the property** at the time of sale and **do not increase over time for any reason**
- **PANYNJ has failed to either execute PILOT agreements for 24 PANYNJ properties in Jersey City or else pay sufficient property taxes**
- Jersey City receives **\$2.2 million in annual PILOT payments** from PANYNJ², but **traditional taxation would yield over \$18 million** annually
- **Traditional taxation would have generated at least \$315 million** in additional revenue for Jersey City throughout PANYNJ ownership history³

Lawsuit amount

\$315 million in taxes that should have been paid over time since the purchase of each PANYNJ property



\$85 million in penalties, interest, and damages



\$400 million

1: Bridge and tunnel facilities are tax exempt and not included

2: As noted above, many PANYNJ properties lack proper PILOT agreements resulting in no taxation or PILOT revenue for these properties

3: Estimated; In addition to any PILOTs paid during PANYNJ property ownership; not including interest or other applicable penalties

Further events have helped make this a memorable year for Jersey City residents



Further memorable events in Jersey City

Affordable Care Act signup campaign

Same sex marriage legalization

First U.S. city to require responsible weapons manufacturers

Hosted both Super Bowl XLVIII teams

Exchange Place and WTC PATH station weekend closures

Over 57 inches of snowfall (double seasonal average)

Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation project

“Moving Towards Zero Waste” sustainability symposium

Freedom and Fireworks 4th of July Festival

Year 2 initiatives continue progress to making Jersey City the best place to live, work and play



Year 2 initiatives

Expected completion of the new JCPD West District and DPW facilities

Resiliency plan

Golden Door school facility transformation

Bike and pedestrian friendliness campaigns

Installation of India Square Gateway Arches

Loew's Theatre revitalization

Mural Arts Program

Jersey Avenue extension bridge to Liberty State Park